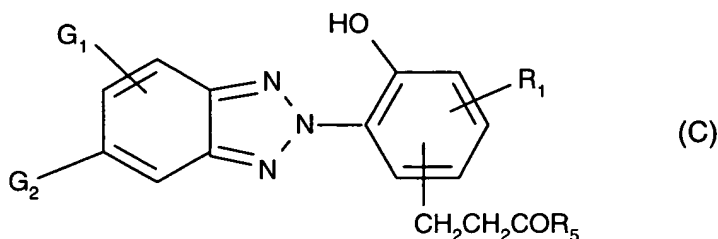


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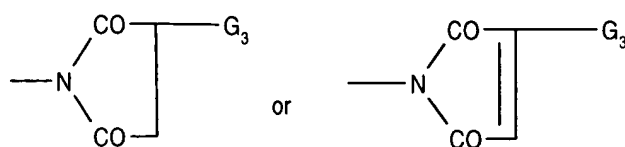
1. (currently amended) A compound of formula C



wherein

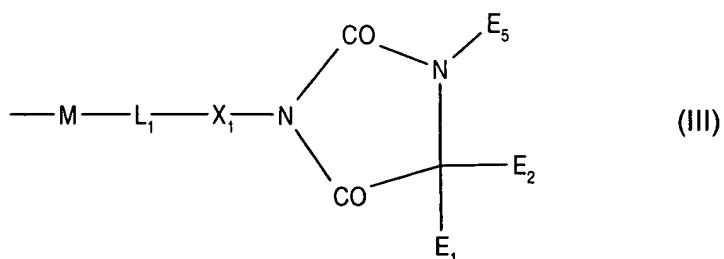
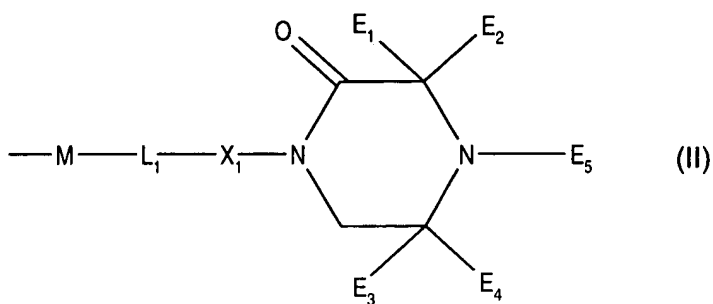
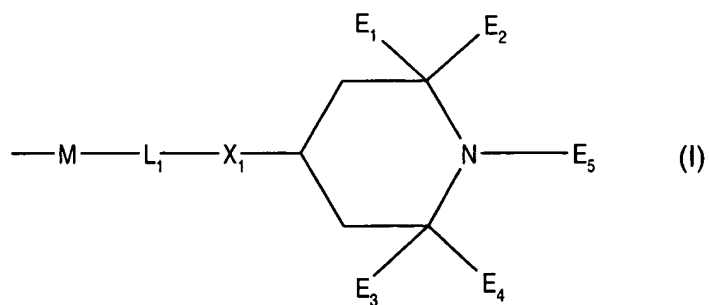
G_1 is hydrogen or halogen,

G_2 is ~~hydrogen, halogen~~ **[,]** nitro, cyano, R_3SO- , R_3SO_2- , $-COOG_3$, perfluoroalkyl of 1 to 12 carbon atoms, $-P(O)(C_6H_5)_2$, $-CO-G_3$, $-CO-NH-G_3$, $-CO-N(G_3)_2$, $-N(G_3)-CO-G_3$, phenyl substituted by 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-1-yloxy,



G_3 is hydrogen, straight or branched chain alkyl of 1 to 24 carbon atoms, straight or branched chain alkenyl of 2 to 18 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 5 to 12 carbon atoms, phenylalkyl of 7 to 15 carbon atoms, phenyl, or said phenyl or said phenylalkyl substituted on the phenyl ring by 1 to 4 alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

or G_3 is a group formula I, II or III



wherein

M is a direct bond, -NG₉-, -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -SO₂NG₉-, -CONG₉-, -COO- or -OCO-;

L₁ is a direct bond, alkylene of 1 to 18 carbon atoms, alkenylene of 3 to 18 carbon atoms, cycloalkylene of 5 to 12 carbon atoms, cycloalkenylene of 5 to 12 carbon atoms or said alkylene interrupted by 1 to 4 oxygen atoms;

X₁ is a direct bond, -COO-, -CONG₉-, -O- or -NG₉-;

G₉ is hydrogen or alkyl of 1 to 18 carbon atoms;

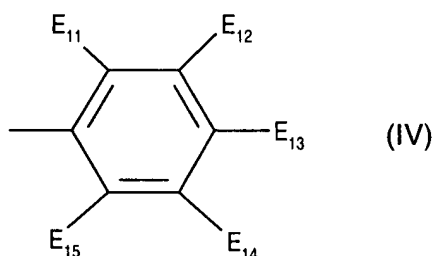
E_1 to E_4 are independently alkyl of 1 to 8 carbon atoms, or E_1 and E_2 together are pentamethylene or E_3 and E_4 together are pentamethylene;

E_5 is hydrogen, oxyl, straight or branched chain alkyl of 1 to 24 carbon atoms, straight or branched chain alkenyl of 3 to 24 carbon atoms, benzyl, acetyl, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{OH})-\text{E}_8$, $-\text{OE}_9[\text{,}]$ or $-\text{OE}_{10}(\text{OH})_b$,

when E_5 is $-\text{OE}_{10}(\text{OH})_b$, G_2 may also be hydrogen or halogen;

E_8 is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl or phenyl,

E_9 is hydrogen, straight or branched chain alkyl of 1 to 24 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 5 to 12 carbon atoms, straight or branched chain alkenyl of 3 to 24 carbon atoms, cycloalkenyl of 5 to 12 carbon atoms, phenylalkyl of 7 to 15 carbon atoms, a radical of a saturated or unsaturated bicyclic or tricyclic hydrocarbon of 7 to 15 carbon atoms, aryl of 6 to 10 carbon atoms or said aryl substituted by one to three alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; or a group of formula IV

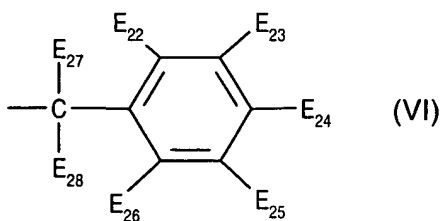
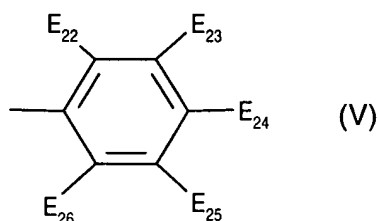


E_{10} is a straight or branched chain alkyl of 1 to 24 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 5 to 12 carbon atoms, cycloalkenyl of 5 to 12 carbon atoms, straight or branched chain alkenyl of 3 to 24 carbon atoms, phenylalkyl of 7 to 15 carbon atoms, phenyl or said phenyl substituted by one to three alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

b is 1, 2 or 3 with the restriction that b cannot exceed the number of carbon atoms in E_{10} , and if b is 2 or 3, each hydroxyl group is attached to a different carbon atom of E_{10} ;

E₁₁ to E₁₅ are independently hydrogen, halogen, nitro, cyano, alkyl of 1 to 18 carbon atoms, phenylalkyl of 7 to 15 carbon atoms, aryl of 6 to 10 carbon atoms, hydroxyl, carboxyl, alkylthio of 1 to 18 carbon atoms, alkoxy or 1 to 18 carbon atoms, phenylalkoxy of 7 to 15 carbon atoms, aryloxy of 6 to 10 carbon atoms, alkylcarbonyloxy of 2 to 18 carbon atoms, alkylsulfonyl of 1 to 18 carbon atoms, arylsulfonyl of 6 to 15 carbon atoms, sulfo or phosphono, or any two vicinal substituents connected together to form a mono- or polycyclic ring;

R₁ is hydrogen, straight or branched chain alkyl of 1 to 24 carbon atoms, straight or branched chain alkenyl of 2 to 18 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 5 to 12 carbon atoms, phenylalkyl of 7 to 15 carbon atoms, phenyl, or said phenyl or said phenylalkyl substituted on the phenyl ring by 1 to 4 alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; or R₁ is a group I, II, III, V or VI



where

E₂₇ and E₂₈ are independently alkyl of 1 to 18 carbon atoms, or cycloalkyl of 5 to 12 carbon atoms;

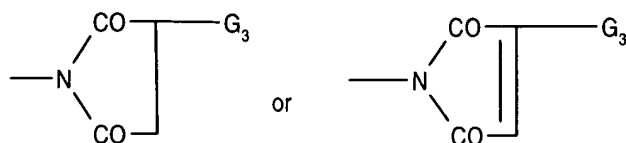
E₂₂, E₂₃, E₂₄, E₂₅ and E₂₆ are independently hydrogen, halogen, straight or branched alkyl of 1 to 18 carbon atoms, alkenyl of 2 to 18 carbon atoms, said alkyl or said alkenyl substituted by one or more halogen, -OCOR₁₁, -OR₄, -NCO, -NHCOR₁₁ or -NR₇R₈, or mixtures thereof, where R₄ is straight or branched chain alkyl of 1 to 24 carbon atoms or straight or branched chain alkenyl of 2 to 18 carbon atoms; or said alkyl or said alkenyl interrupted by one or more -O-, -NH- or -NR₄- groups or

mixtures thereof and which can be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more -OH, -OR₄ or -NH₂, or mixtures thereof; or

E₂₂, E₂₃, E₂₄, E₂₅ and E₂₆ are independently phenyl, -OH, -OCOR₁₁, -OE₂₉, -NCO, -NHCOR₁₁ or -NR₇R₈, cyano, nitro, perfluoroalkyl of 1 to 12 carbon atoms, -COG₃, -COOG₃, -CON(G₃)₂, -CONHG₃, R₃S-, R₃SO-, R₃SO₂-, -P(O)(C₆H₅)₂, -P(O)([L])([OG₃]₂[[L]]) or -SO₂-X₂-E₂₉;

X₂ is -O-, -NH- or -NR₄-;

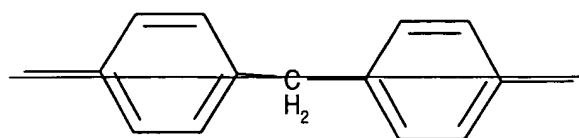
E₂₉ is straight or branched chain alkyl of 1 to 24 carbon atoms, straight or branched chain alkenyl of 2 to 18 carbon atoms, said alkyl or said alkenyl substituted by one or more -OH, -OCOR₁₁, -OR₄, -NCO, -NHCOR₁₁, -NR₇R₈, phthalimido,



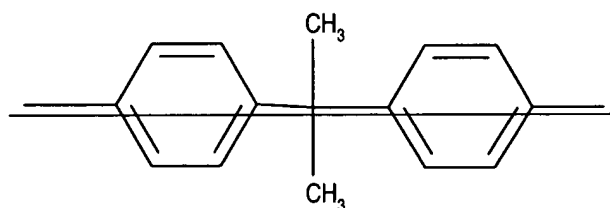
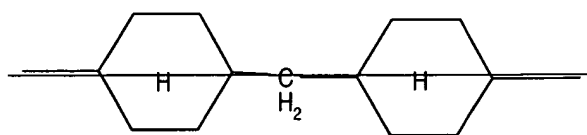
or mixtures thereof, where R₄ is straight or branched chain alkyl of 1 to 24 carbon atoms or alkenyl of 2 to 18 carbon atoms; or said alkyl or said alkenyl interrupted by one or more -O-, -NH- or -NR₄- groups or mixtures thereof and which can be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more -OH, -OR₄ or -NH₂, or mixtures thereof; or E₂₉ is phenyl or phenylalkyl of 7 to 15 carbon atoms, or said phenyl or said phenylalkyl substituted by one to three alkyl groups of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

R₅ is a group of formula I₁

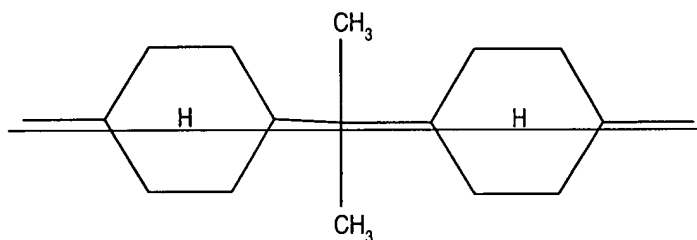
R₇ and R₈ are independently hydrogen, alkyl of 1 to 18 carbon atoms, straight or branched chain C₃-C₁₈alkyl which is interrupted by -O-, -S- or -NR₁₁-, C₅-C₁₂cycloalkyl, C₆-C₁₄aryl or C₁-C₃hydroxylalkyl, or R₇ and R₈ together with the N atom are a pyrrolidine, piperidine, piperazine or morpholine ring,



or



or



R_{11} is hydrogen, straight or branched chain C_1 - C_{18} alkyl, C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkyl, straight or branched chain C_3 - C_8 alkenyl, C_6 - C_{14} aryl or C_7 - C_{15} aralkyl,

R_3 is alkyl of 1 to 20 carbon atoms, hydroxyalkyl of 2 to 20 carbon atoms, alkenyl of 3 to 18 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 5 to 12 carbon atoms, phenylalkyl of 7 to 15 carbon atoms, aryl of 6 to 10 carbon atoms or said aryl substituted by one or two alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or 1,1,2,2-tetrahydroperfluoroalkyl where the perfluoroalkyl moiety is of 6 to 16 carbon atoms, and

with the proviso that

(c) when G_2 is $-COOG_3$ and G_3 is of group I, then E_5 of group I is not hydrogen, oxyl, C_1 - C_{12} alkyl, C_3 - C_8 alkenyl, benzyl, acetyl, or a group $-CH_2-CH(OH)-E_8$.

2. (currently amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of according to claim 1 which is

(a) 1-(2-hydroxy-2-methylpropoxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl 3-(5-chlorobenzotriazol-2-yl)-5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyhydrocinnamate;

~~(c) 1-cyclohexyloxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl 3-(5-chlorobenzotriazol-2-yl)-5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyhydrocinnamate;~~

~~—— (d) 1-methoxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl 3-(5-chlorobenzotriazol-2-yl)-5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyhydrocinnamate;~~

~~—— (e) 1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidin-4-yl 3-(5-chlorobenzotriazol-2-yl)-5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyhydrocinnamate;~~

~~—— (i) 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl 3-(benzotriazol-2-yl)-5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyhydrocinnamate;~~

~~—— (j) 1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidin-4-yl 3-(benzotriazol-2-yl)-5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyhydrocinnamate[[:]]~~

(k) 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl 3-(5-phenylsulfonylbenzotriazol-2-yl)-5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyhydrocinnamate;

(l) 1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidin-4-yl 3-(5-phenylsulfonylbenzotriazol-2-yl)-5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyhydrocinnamate;

(m) 1-(2,4-dibromophenoxy)-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl 3-(5-chlorobenzotriazol-2-yl)-5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyhydrocinnamate; and

(n) 1-(2-nitro-4-chlorophenoxy)-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl 3-(5-chlorobenzotriazol-2-yl)-5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyhydrocinnamate[[:]] ~~or~~

~~—— (p) 1-cyclohexyloxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl 3-(5-chlorobenzotriazol-2-yl)-5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyhydrocinnamate.~~

3-25. (canceled)